

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the number of mass shooting incidents in Paris and other locations throughout the world illustrate the reality that people are no longer safe from gun violence in their home, workplace, school, or place of worship; and

WHEREAS, in the United States, recent incidents in San Bernardino and Colorado Springs are a couple of many recent mass shooting incidents that have killed and injured innocent people, while leaving families and communities devastated; and

WHEREAS, while there are some restrictions in place on gun ownership, a loophole in federal gun laws allows individuals on the Federal Bureau of Investigation terrorist watch list to legally purchase firearms and explosives;

WHEREAS, such a loophole needlessly places people in danger and increases the likelihood that similar mass shooting incidents will occur in the future; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the United States House of Representatives and the Senate are HR 1076 (King) and S. 551 (Feinstein), also known as the Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Terrorists Act of 2015; and

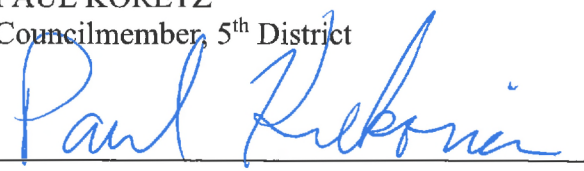
WHEREAS, HR 1076 and S. 551 would deny the transfer of firearms or the issuance of a federal firearms and explosives license to any individual if such an individual has provided material support or resources for terrorist activities, or a reasonable belief exists that such individual may use a firearm or explosive in connection with terrorism; and

WHEREAS, HR 1076 and S. 551 are common-sense bills which will help save many lives, and should be supported;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-16 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for HR 1076 (King) and S. 551 (Feinstein) which prohibit known or suspected terrorists from legally purchasing firearms and explosives.


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PRESENTED BY: 
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